

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1424

Introduced by Committee on Governmental Organization (Hall (Chair), Nestande (Vice Chair), Chesbro, Cooley, Hagman, Jones, Jones-Sawyer, Levine, Perea, V. Manuel Pérez, Salas, Torres, and Waldron)

March 21, 2013

An act to amend Section 25503.5 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to alcoholic beverages.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1424, as introduced, Committee on Governmental Organization. Alcoholic beverages: instruction: tastings.

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Act permits a winegrower, beer manufacturer, or a beer and wine wholesaler to instruct licensees and their employees on the subject of wine or beer, including, but not limited to, the history, nature, values, and characteristics of those beverages, as provided.

This bill would specifically reference the composition of the beer or wine as a subject that may be included in this type of instruction.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 25503.5 of the Business and Professions
- 2 Code is amended to read:
- 3 25503.5. (a) A winegrower, beer manufacturer, or a beer and
- 4 wine wholesaler may, without charge, instruct licensees and their

1 employees, or conduct courses of instruction for licensees and
2 their employees, on the subject of wine or beer, including but not
3 limited to, the history, nature, values, *composition*, and
4 characteristics of wine or beer, the use of wine lists, and the
5 methods of presenting and serving wine or beer. The winegrower,
6 beer manufacturer, or beer and wine wholesaler may furnish wine
7 or beer and the equipment, materials and utensils that may be
8 required for use in connection with the instruction or courses of
9 instruction.

10 (b) A distilled spirits manufacturer, distilled spirits
11 manufacturer's agent, distilled spirits general rectifier, or distilled
12 spirits general importer may, without charge, instruct licensees
13 and their employees, or conduct courses of instruction for licensees
14 and their employees, on the subject of distilled spirits, including,
15 but not limited to, the history, nature, values, and characteristics
16 of distilled spirits, and the methods of presenting and serving
17 distilled spirits. The distilled spirits manufacturer or distilled spirits
18 manufacturer's agent may furnish distilled spirits and the
19 equipment, materials, and utensils that may be required for use in
20 connection with the instruction or courses of instruction.

21 (c) A winegrower or distilled spirits manufacturer, or its
22 authorized agent may instruct consumers at an on-sale retail
23 licensed premises authorized to sell its product with the permission
24 of the retail on-sale licensee. The instruction may include, without
25 limitation, the history, nature, values, and characteristics of the
26 product and the methods of presenting and serving the product.
27 The instruction of consumers may include the furnishing of not
28 more than three tastings to any individual in one day. A single
29 tasting of distilled spirits may not exceed one-fourth of one ounce
30 and a single tasting of wine may not exceed one ounce. The
31 winegrower or distilled spirits manufacturer, or its authorized agent
32 shall remove any unfinished alcoholic beverages that he or she
33 provided following the instruction. Nothing in this subdivision
34 shall limit the giving away of samples pursuant to subdivision (a)
35 of Section 23386.

36 (d) The instruction or courses of instruction, authorized in
37 subdivision (a) or (b), may be given at the premises of the
38 winegrower, beer manufacturer, beer and wine wholesaler, distilled
39 spirits manufacturer, distilled spirits manufacturer's agent, distilled

- 1 spirits general rectifier, distilled spirits general importer or of a
- 2 licensee, including an on-sale retail licensee, or elsewhere.

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